A Home Going Celebration
For
Dock Butler, Jr.

Sunrise
February 7, 1943

Sunset
December 15, 1997

Services Held
Saturday, December 20, 1997
11:00 am

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor
662 So. 52nd Street
Richmond, CA

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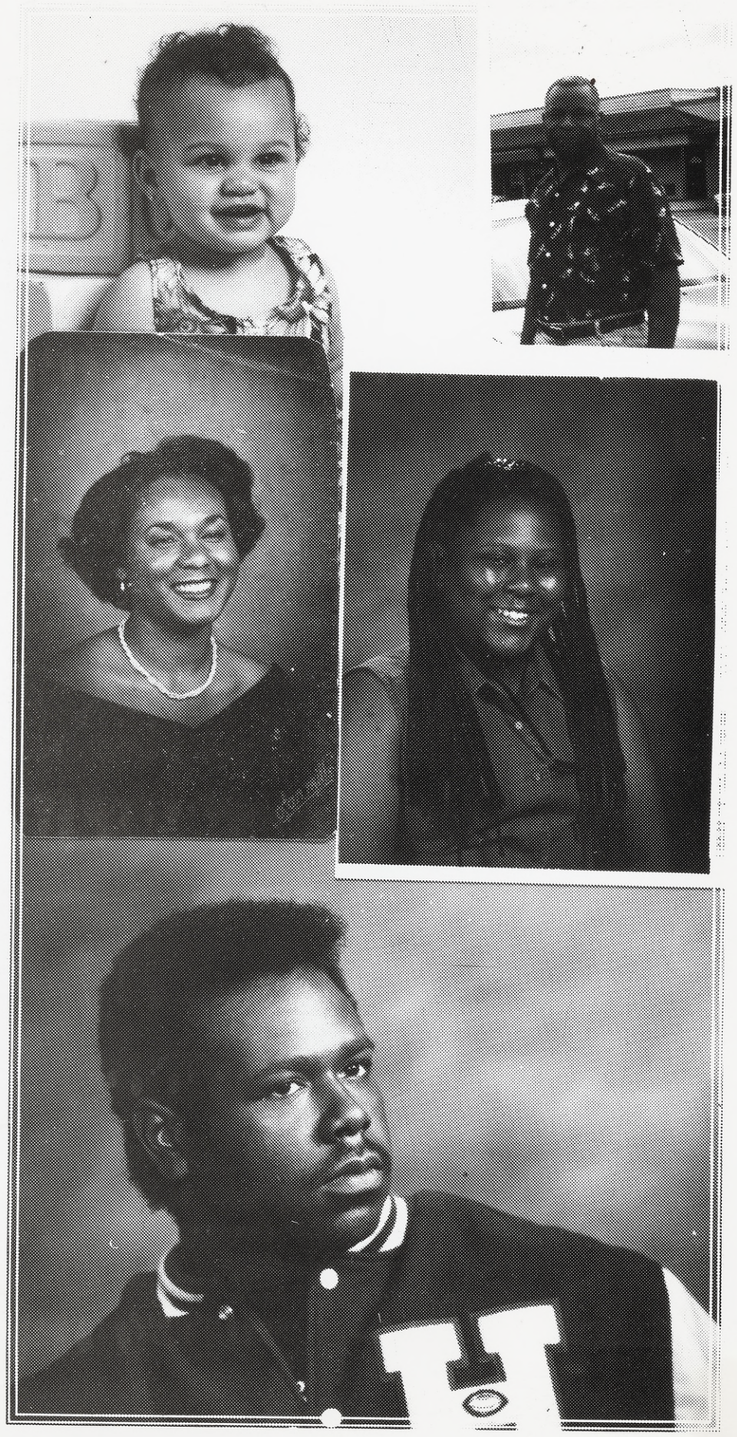

Obituary

The Angels of Mercy came quietly and sweetly into the home of Dock Butler, Jr., and bore away his Christian soul on December 15, 1997. He was the firstborn to the union of Dock Butler, Sr., and the late Vergie Mae Dyson Butler on February 7, 1943 in Gulfport, Mississippi. He united at an early age with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Mt. Hermon, Louisiana, and the St. John Missionary Baptist Church of Richmond, California, in 1995. He graduated from Vernon High School in Mt. Hermon, Louisiana; the town where he lived until he relocated to Vallejo, California in 1965

He was united in marriage with Nercelia Wilson Butler and they were blessed with two children, Judy Lynn and Gerald LeDale. He later was joined in matrimony with Deborah Darden Butler and they were blessed with a daughter, Ruby Danielle.

Dock was employed for five years at the Concord Naval Weapons Station and fifteen years at the Marine Terminal in Oakland, California. At the time of his death he had owned and operated "Dock Butler Enterprises" a container chassis repair service in Richmond, California for eight years.

Dock was a likable, friendly and hard-working man; he found nourishment for both the body and the soul at his "home away from home" the local Carrow's Restaurant. For years he had an interest in "ham radio" operations and as technology changed he developed a great interest in personal computers.

He is survived by his father, Dock Butler, Sr. of Mt. Hermon, Louisiana; two daughters. Judy Lynn Butler of Vallejo, California, and Ruby Danielle Butler of Castro Valley, California; one son: Gerald LeDale Butler of Vallejo, California; two sisters: Bonnie Sue Butler of Vallejo, California and Gwendolyn Gail Hughes of Nashville, Tennessee; one brother: Alton Ray Butler of Vallejo, California, one granddaughter, two nieces, one nephew, one great-nephew, and a host of relatives and friends. His Mother proceeded him in death in 1985.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL .....

MUSICAL SELECTION .....

SCRIPTURE .....*REV. CALVIN MILES*

PRAYER ..... *PULPIT GUEST*

MUSICAL SELECTION .....

REMARKS ..... *2 MIN, PLEASE*

POEM ..... *TRASLYN C. BUTLER*

RESOLUTION .....

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS AND CONDOLENCES ..... *MAPLE DAVIS*

OBITUARY ..... *READ SILENTLY*

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... *GAYE WILLIAMS*

WORDS OF COMFORT.....*DR. KEVIN B. HALL, PASTOR*

VIEWING ..... *STAFF IN CHARGE*
ROSE MANOR STAFF

RECESSIONAL .....

TRIBUTE

There must be a reason
That we can't See
There must be a reason why,
A reason that we must take on faith
As we do the sun on high...
For we know that life is a journey-
Sometimes long and sometimes brief-
A journey on which we all find joy
Mingled with sadness and grief...
So try to remember the joy today,
However hard it may be,
And trust you'll find comfort
When you know the reason you now can't see.

By Helen Farries

Active Pallbearers

Gerald L. Butler
Alton R. Butler
Hollis Matthews
Taz Haynes
Charles "Charlie" Howard
Henry Rodgers

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Interment
Mt. Olive Baptist Church Cemetery
Mt. Hermon, Louisiana

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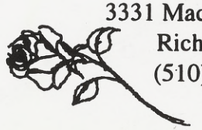

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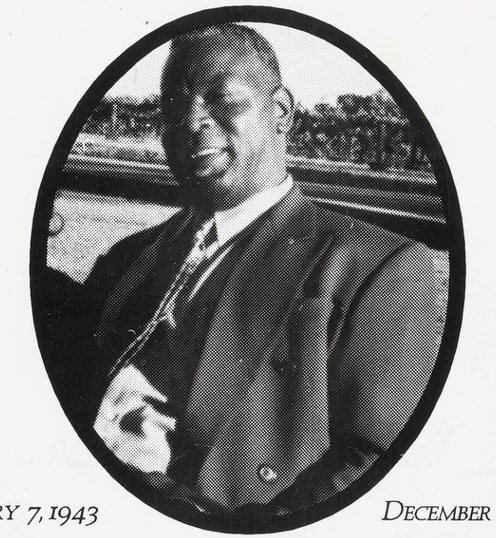

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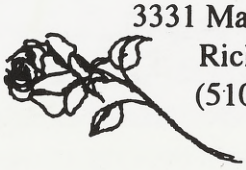

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